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WEST INDIES.

Report from Barbados—Inspection of vessels—Sanitary conditions—Leprosy.

Assistant Surgeon Ward reports, August 22 and 24, as follows:

I have to report the fumigation, on August 18, of the British steamship *Newton*, from Santos, Rio de Janeiro, and Bahia, bound for New Orleans with a cargo of coffee; no passengers; 32 crew; all well.

During the week ended August 20, 1904, I inspected 10 steamships; 390 crew; 158 steerage and 31 cabin passengers. Of this number, 5 crew, 43 steerage, and 17 cabin passengers were shipped from this port.

At present the health of the island of Barbados is excellent. Bridgetown, the only seaport town, as well as the rest of the island, is free from all quarantinable diseases excepting leprosy, which for the most part is segregated, at the expense of the local government, at the leprosy lazaretto situated in the outskirts of Bridgetown, about 3 miles from the business section. In a few cases where the friends or relatives have sufficient means to properly care for those suffering from this disease, the detention in the hospital is not required.

Mortality statistics are not now available.

AUGUST 24, 1904.

I have to report the fumigation to-day of the British steamship *Homer* of the Lamport and Holt Line, which came here especially for this purpose.

This steamer came from Santos via Rio de Janeiro bound for New Orleans with a cargo of coffee; 29 crew, all well; no passengers.

I thoroughly fumigated all the compartments, including the holds, with sulphur.

Foreign and insular statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.

AFRICA—*Sierra Leone*.—Two weeks ended August 6, 1904. Estimated population, 40,000. Total number of deaths, 38. No contagious diseases.

AUSTRALIA—*New South Wales—Sydney*.—Month of June, 1904. Estimated population, 511,030. Total number of deaths, 598, including diphtheria 4, enteric fever 4, measles 1, whooping cough 2, and 54 from tuberculosis.

AUSTRALIA—*Queensland, Brisbane*.—Month of April, 1904. Estimated population, 124,463. Total number of deaths, 122, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 4, measles 1, whooping cough 2, plague 1, and 10 from tuberculosis.

Month of May, 1904. Total number of deaths, 98, including diphtheria 3, enteric fever 2, measles 1, whooping cough 4, plague 3, and 4 from tuberculosis.

Month of June, 1904. Total number of deaths, 116, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 2, whooping cough 2, plague 3, and 12 from tuberculosis.

BAHAMAS—*Dunmore Town*.—Eight weeks ended August 19, 1904. Estimated population, 1,232. No deaths. No contagious diseases.

Governors Harbor.—Week ended August 20, 1904. Estimated population, 1,500. Total number of deaths not reported. No contagious diseases.

Green Turtle Cay, Abaco.—Two weeks ended August 18, 1904. Estimated population, 3,314. Number of deaths not reported. No contagious diseases reported.

Nassau.—Two weeks ended August 20, 1904. Estimated population, 12,650. No deaths and no contagious diseases reported.

CUBA—*Habana*.—Month of March, 1904. Estimated population, 275,000. Total number of deaths, 460, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 2, measles 2, scarlet fever 3, whooping cough 1, and 104 from tuberculosis.

FRANCE—*Roubaix*.—Month of July, 1904. Estimated population, 124,660. Total number of deaths, 177, including enteric fever 3, measles 5, and 4 from scarlet fever.

Rouen.—Month of July, 1904. Estimated population, 116,316. Total number of deaths, 277, including enteric fever 2, measles 1, whooping cough 2, smallpox 2, and 58 from tuberculosis.

St. Etienne.—Two weeks ended July 15, 1904. Estimated population, 146,671. Total number of deaths, 114, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 2, scarlet fever 1, and 19 from tuberculosis.

GIBRALTAR.—Three weeks ended July 31, 1904. Estimated population, 27,460. Total number of deaths, 22. No deaths from contagious diseases reported.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 76 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended August 13, 1904, correspond to an annual rate of 22.1 per 1,000 of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 15,271,287.

Bradford.—Two weeks ended July 30, 1904. Estimated population, 285,089. Total number of deaths, 190, including diphtheria 6, measles 17, whooping cough 1, and 15 from phthisis pulmonalis.

London.—One thousand nine hundred and twelve deaths were registered during the week, including measles 36, scarlet fever 10, diphtheria 7, whooping cough 21, enteric fever 2, smallpox 1, and 687 from diarrhea. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 21.4 per 1,000. In Greater London 2,941 deaths were registered. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 4 from diphtheria and 6 from whooping cough.

Ireland.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended August 13, 1904, in the 21 principal

town districts of Ireland was 19.6 per 1,000 of the population, which is estimated at 1,093,289. The lowest rate was recorded in Newry, viz, 4.2, and the highest in Armagh, viz, 48.1 per 1,000. In Dublin and suburbs 199 deaths were registered, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 1, measles 5, scarlet fever 1, whooping cough 4, and 37 from tuberculosis.

Scotland.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended August 13, 1904, correspond to an annual rate of 15.7 per 1,000 of the population, which is estimated at 1,726,236. The lowest rate of mortality was recorded in Paisley, viz, 8.1, and the highest in Glasgow, viz, 17.4 per 1,000. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 519, including diphtheria 5, measles 6, scarlet fever 2, and 26 from whooping cough.

ITALY—*Milan*.—Month of June, 1904. Estimated population, 520,518. Total number of deaths, 801, including diphtheria 10, enteric fever 8, measles 3, and 109 from phthisis pulmonalis.

JAPAN—*Nagasaki*.—Ten days ended July 20, 1904. Estimated population 154,727. Total number of deaths not reported. One death from typhus fever reported.

Ten days ended July 31, 1904. Total number of deaths not reported. One death from typhus fever reported.

JAVA—*Batavia*.—Three weeks ended July 16, 1904. Estimated population, 160,000. Number of deaths not reported. No contagious diseases reported.

MALTA.—Two weeks ended August 6, 1904. Estimated population, 197,070. Total number of deaths, 265, including enteric fever 5, and 1 from whooping cough.

ST. HELENA.—Three weeks ended July 23, 1904. Estimated population, 5,000. Total number of deaths, 2. No contagious diseases reported.

SPAIN—*Corunna*.—Month of July, 1904. Estimated population, 50,000. Total number of deaths, 113, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 2, measles 1, whooping cough 1, and 13 from tuberculosis.

Seville.—Month of July, 1904. Estimated population, 148,130. Total number of deaths, 536, including diphtheria 4, enteric fever 2, measles 32, whooping cough 1, and 76 from tuberculosis.

WEST INDIES—*Antigua*.—Year 1903. Estimated population, 15,844. Total number of deaths, 1,305, including 51 from zymotic diseases, and 68 from tuberculosis, a decrease of 94 from the number for 1902.

Curaçao.—Two weeks ended August 12, 1904. Estimated population, 31,600. Total number of deaths, 3, including 1 from yellow fever, imported from Maracaibo.

St. Thomas.—Three months ended June 30, 1904. Estimated population, 12,019. Total number of deaths, 238, including 10 from tuberculosis.